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The official Newsletter of the Waikanae Golf Club Inc.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Health & Safety – New Act – Application to Members: I am required by law to harp on about these matters in the interests of safety to all (and to minimise the risk of heavy fines to the Club. In this regard, please note that within the past few weeks a club up north has been fined \$84,000.00 for negligence in not ensuring a visitor's safety).

From 01 May 2016, all green fee players and cart hirers will be required to sign a form in the Shop to acknowledge that they are aware of the risks involved within the course and in driving a cart on the course. This places the onus for acting safely on the player/driver and helps to provide some cover for the Shop proprietors (and the Club itself). Please be understanding and cooperate.

- Golf can be a game of risk and reward, but employment is not! Our staff deserve to work safely and have every right to expect members to respect this. If any greens staff or contractors (or anyone else) on the course is within range and roughly in your intended line of play, please wait until this is not the case before making the play.
- If (inadvertently, of course) you hit a ball towards people who you thought would have been out of your line of play, or towards a landing area that is out of your sight, please call "FORE" loudly and early to give fair warning. It's a courtesy of the game and is only fair to other course users.
- Watch out for the crocodile in the pond between 15 and 18!

Strategic Planning: Currently we have six sub-committees made up from about 30 Club members who are conducting a feasibility study into whether the Club should invest in a complete upgrade of the clubhouse and, concurrently, introduce a business transformation to meet the developing expectations of the evolving

locality in which we reside. A final report, on the findings and its recommendations, is expected to be put to members around October this year.

Membership Recruitment Initiative: Following up on a suggestion put at the recent strategic focus group meeting, the Club has engaged the services of a sales representative (Fraser Richards) whose job it is to bolster our membership and to sell sponsorships and other promotional offerings. Fraser is keen to engage with all groups to make sure that new members are made to feel welcome at our club. Please make Fraser welcome because if he succeeds, this will bring our club the increased playing membership we need if we are to progress and be the best club we can be. Fraser commences employment on Monday 2 May.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It's great to be able to report how positive everybody is around the Club at the moment. In the last few weeks I've poked my head around the corner of the Match, Ladies and the Mid Week Men's Committees, and it's fantastic to hear such enthusiasm from all involved and no moans from anybody.

The Ladies had a very successful Open Day recently, with a very high turnout from other Clubs. Compliments about the Club and the course came from all quarters. Thanks to all those who helped organise the day.

ANZAC Day was again very well supported, with a traditional tot of rum or whisky available (donated by Chris and Larry Balloch) for those traditionalists. The short reflection by Les Buckley and the Last Post played by Alex Lopez - Sanchez added to the sense of the occasion. The 80 plus field, to a great extent again, showed that some days golf can get over complicated but with only 3 clubs and a putter to choose from, that complexity is significantly reduced. Average scores held up very well and the weather was very kind to us, which always helps.

The Interclub sides have more or less reached their half way stage and reports are very encouraging. The Ladies Tuakana side is just 3.5 points behind 2nd place having had a bye in the last round. The Men's top team is mid table and will commence playing in the Dudding Shield next. The 2nd Men's team is top of their league by 1 point and the 3rd Men's team is also top by 7.5 points. It is also pleasing to report that the 9 Hole Men have set up a local Interclub league with Otaki, Kapiti and Levin. Well done guys. The 9 hole Ladies are also playing Interclub and are a little behind the leaders but showing great enthusiasm and dedication, probably travelling the furthest of any of our teams to compete.

A reminder from me that, on Saturday 21st May, we are hosting the best 4 Wellington Interclub teams on the course for their Semi Finals. They will play 18 holes foursome's in the morning followed by 18 holes Match play. This will eat into the tee times available on the day so those who usually play on Saturdays need to be aware of this.

On the course front, the bridge over the creek on the 3rd has been removed and is in the process of being repaired. There are a few problems ongoing but these are all solvable. The creeks have been de-weeded by KCDC and are starting to flow again. At least now you can now see your ball and have a chance to get it back.

Anyway, enough from me for now, See you on the course sometime....**Cliff Martin, Club Captain**

MID WEEK MEN

On Tuesday 5 April we had visitors from Maraenui Golf Club in Napier. Invitations were also issued to Waikanae Mid Week Women and Men's and Women's 9 Holers. Overall there was a great turnout of 96 players playing a stableford competition. The results of the various competitions were:

Mixed 9 Hole Division: Ray Ferguson (17), Marjory Royden (14), Judy Stevenson (14).

18 Hole Ladies Division: Chris Balloch (34), Jill Lane (32), Margaret Leathley (31)

18 Hole Men's Division: Steve Scott (39), Peter Cresswell (38), Peter Quin (37).

On Thursday 7 April, 12 Waikanae members travelled to Levin as part of our annual home and away competition. Overall a very successful day as Waikanae retained the "Log of Wood" with an average stableford score of 35.65 to Levin's 33.72. (No thanks to your scribe or the Club President who did not have great scores!!) The player of the day was Doug Stevens, who not only scored 42 stableford points, but had two 2's, scored on the trophy hole and won a raffle. As the prizes were cash there is serious consideration being given to classing Doug as a "professional"!! Don Vautier also played very well for 40 points.

On Tuesday 12 April, 44 players had to work through heavy rain in the early morning and an earthquake. However, the day turned out fine and a stableford competition was held. This incorporated the Sims Trophy for those 70 years of age and over and the Osboldstone Trophy for those aged 80 years and over. John Plimmer cleaned the field up with a score of 46 points and claimed the Sims Trophy. Ken Thompson with a score of 35 points claimed the Osboldstone trophy. Congratulations to you both! Other scores of note for those not in the senior's bracket was 45 points to Gordon Hall and 40 points to Alan Hermans.

On Monday 18 April, 54 Kapiti Vets players were involved in a stableford competition at Waikanae. The guys got trumped by a lady!! The winner was Janette Phillipps from Otaki with a score of 42. Rod Cavaye followed on 40 and Gary Story and Marita Laurensen (another lady!) with 37, a very nice sunny day.

Another beautiful day for the first round of the 2 day Stableford competition. Doug Stevens (yes, it's that guy again!!) attempted to make no contest with a score of 49!! Michael Rodgers and Oliver Son thought they were having really good days with 44 and 43 respectively. There will have to be a major melt down from one of these three or a brilliant round by somebody else to change the outcome next week.

On 26 April the second round of the Two Day Stableford competition took place. There was a field of 53. The best scores on this day were Wayne Heads with 40, Mike Casey with 39 and Tony Parrett and Oliver Son with 38. There was a tie for the Two Day competition with Mike Rodgers (44 and 37) and Oliver Son (43 and 38) both scoring a total of 81 points. Well done to you both!...**Kevin Woodley for Mid Week Men.**

WOMEN'S GOLF

April has been another busy month for Women's golf at Waikanae with the highlight being our annual Open Day, which was held in beautiful weather on April 21. We attracted a field of 76 players from 14 clubs from as far afield as Riversdale, Manawatu and Wainuiomata with visitors outnumbering Waikanae members. The pairs 666 format (Ambrose, Foursomes and Best Ball) again proved extremely popular and made for a more enjoyable day than playing an individual event with all the stresses which seem to accompany that format! The prizes were evenly distributed between members and visitors with a pair from Kapiti winning Division 1 and our own Helen Booth and Betty Colligan winning Division 2. All results are on the website for those who are interested. The Open Day was extremely well organised by the Committee but special acknowledgement must be made of the contribution of Cheryl Hughes, who in her first year as secretary did an amazing job, and of Jenny Shirley whose previous experience in the role was invaluable. Thanks to all members who contributed towards the raffle table and to the success of the day. After the prize giving the Chairperson of the Match Committee of Wellington Golf introduced herself and asked that congratulations be passed on to our Green Staff regarding the condition of the course, which she said was the best she had played on in the Wellington region over the past few months. These sentiments were also expressed by many of the visiting players and have, of course, been passed on to Andy and his team.

Our pennant teams have enjoyed varying fortunes in their last few matches. The Division 2 Midweek team is still leading their division by a single point, having suffered two very close losses in their past two matches. Unfortunately they have a bye in the last round and so will be hoping for other results to go their way so that they can again reach the semi-finals. The Tuakana team is out of contention with three matches to go but, with two of these being played at home, will be hoping for a strong finish.

We have been encouraging our members to attend the Open Days of other clubs this season and have so far had a positive response with a number of ladies playing at both Shandon and Boulcott Farm. Del Meade and Ann Hanlon both won prizes at Shandon while Jeanette McCutcheon won her division at Boulcott Farm.

Two Match play events are currently being played with the Waimeha Trophy having reached the semi-finals and the President's Trophy just underway. Our weekly winners for April have been Steph Drinnan, Judy Launder, Frances Allen and Lynne Bruce. Our final friendly Interclub match for the year, the Thommo Trophy, will be played against Manawatu at Waikanae in mid May and, after a busy few months, we can then relax and just enjoy our own golf for the remainder of the year....**Rae Henderson, Women's Captain.**

9 HOLE WOMEN

Well it appears that winter has been cancelled this year so be prepared for your handicaps to stay scarily low. We are certainly having a long run of gorgeous golfing weather and no excuses.

The Anzac Day tournament was great fun (again fabulous weather conditions) and those of us who played found our game was a good deal looser and more relaxed after a shot of the warming liquid and the sustenance of the biscuits and balls on the 10th tee.

Four of our players took part in the Round Robin at Pauatahanui earlier in the month. This course is now in its final shape and is both pleasant and challenging. The warm and generous hospitality, however, has not changed in the slightest.

Our interclub game at Paraparaumu resulted in a 1-1/2 & a 1/2 loss to Boulcott Farm. We still struggle with giving sometimes 8 shots over 9 holes. Next up are 2 matches in quick succession at Karori and Manor Park on 5/5 and 9/5. We will battle on!

The finalists in our Match play competition have been decided. Yvonne Fraser and Judith Jackson will commence their ladylike (on the surface!!) battle on 16th May. Watch this space for the result.

To finish here's a helpful list of excuses when the weather can't be blamed: Rum Brought the wrong club
Rum Trying new grip Rum Gardened all day yesterday Rum.....you fill in the rest of the list!!.....**Judy Stevenson for 9 Hole Women**

HEALTH & SAFETY

- **H&S Meeting**

On 28 April, Ed Isaac gave a presentation to WGC staff, contractors and board members to explain our individual and combined responsibilities under the new HWSA legislation (Health, Safety at Work Act).

- **Defibrillator Training.**

There will be a repeat training session hosted by Amy Williams of Wellington Free Ambulance on Thursday 19th May at 1.00 p.m.

- **Defibrillator Signage**

Due to the Pro Shop being open most of the playing hours it was decided to keep the Defibrillator in the shop but to make its location more obvious through new signage on the Pro Shop door and on the shelf inside the Pro Shop.

- **First Aid Kits**

First Aid Kits are available for use by members and visitors, and are located in the Match Room and in the Ladies Changing Room.

- **Contractor and Visitor Safety**

A Health & Safety Checklist has been drawn up, alerting Contractors and Visitors to the Club of the potential On Course Risks and the Club's regard for their safety while on site....**Tony Parrett.**

JUNIOR GOLF: Kapiti McDonald's Junior Series held at Kapiti GC 2016

A fine day was provided at the Kapiti Golf Club and the competition was based on stableford scoring. At the conclusion the players had BBQ sausages and the results are below. The points system is made by adding the points for each participating club then divided by the number of players. Each school holiday there will be another McDonalds Interclub Tournament for juniors, and the scores added to the Clubs total each time. The December McDonalds will be held at Waikanae Golf Club on 19th, and there will be double the points available. This is their "Major" for the year! We aim to be the top club and results are as follows:

9 Hole Junior Tees - Stroke

1. Declan Prentice 48 (Otaki) Points = 6

9 Hole Junior Tees - Stableford

1. Joseph Telford 24 (Waikanae) Points =6
2. Riley Moy 22 (Otaki) Points = 5
3. Ned Butler (Otaki) & Blair Smith (Waikanae) Tied on 14 Points = 4

9 Hole Regular Tees - Stroke

1. Louis Jones 49 (PBGC) Points = 6

9 Hole Regular Tees - Stableford

1. Ben Vickers 17 (Waikanae) Points =6
2. Thomas Wyatt (PBGC) Points = 5
3. Thomas McGregor (Otaki) & Blair Smith (Waikanae) Tied on 14 Points = 4

Ambrose

1. Levi and Elijah Murti (Waikanae) Points = 6

Points Awarded After Round 1:

1. Otaki 19 pts divided by 3 = 6.33
2. Waikanae 26 pts divided by 7 = 3.71
3. PBGC 11 pts divided by 3 = 3.61



**Waikanae contestants in the Kapiti McDonalds Junior series were:
Levi and Elijah Murti, Dylan Jaggi, Blair Smith, Dan Santos, Joseph Telford & Ben Vickers**

Thanks to parents and grandparents for getting these players organized....**Ken Kissling for Junior Golf.**

COACHING CORNER: Driving - Tee it up - Wind up - and Let it go!

Introduction

This month, I want to share with you how you can increase your distance off the tee with your driver. And to do this you first need to know that whilst the average golfer contacts their tee shots with the driver on a descending angle of approach of approximately 1 to 2 degrees. The long ball strikers actually approach the ball from an ascending or upward angle of approach!

Bubba Watson is one player who creates excitingly long drives with an average positive (ascending) angle of approach of between 5 and 8 degrees thus resulting in a much higher launch angle producing greater carry and of course some amazing distances!

So what are these keys you can use to get more distance with your drives?



Pic 1



Pic 2

Pic's 1 & 2 - Tee it up higher

As shown here in pic 1 & 2 to help encourage you to contact the ball with an ascending angle of approach during the forward swing, tee the ball up slightly higher than normal where 3/4 of the ball is above the top edge of the club face.

It's also important to know that to ensure the ball contacts the sweet spot of the club face that you will need to address the ball more towards the toe of the club as is also shown.

This is due to the fact that the club will be off the ground through impact compared to being on the ground at set up.



Pic 3



Pic 4



Pic 5



Pic 6



Pic 7

Pic's 3 to 7 Set your spine angle and let it go!

The second key when setting up is to ensure that you have a more correct 'secondary' spine angle.

This is where your spine angle is leaning slightly back with your trailing (right) shoulder a lot lower than your target (left) shoulder as demonstrated in pic 3.

The third key whilst making your back swing is to maintain this spine angle as you pivot behind the ball allowing 80 to 90 % of your balance to load up over the back trailing (right) foot, as demonstrated in pic 4.

You are now ready to unleash your power from the ground up!

So using the ground allow your balance to transfer onto and around the target (left) foot noting that this should increase the degree of secondary spine angle (pic 5), ensuring that you are able to contact the ball on an ascending angle of approach, increasing the launch angle as suggested earlier.

Believe it or not as suggested earlier through having this increased launch angle you will increase your overall distance even if the club head speed is no greater!

Post impact allow your head and body to fully release as you follow the flight of the ball, with finishing with all of your balance now over your target (left) foot as shown in pic 7.

Great golfing, and may you enjoy longer walks passed playing partners from off the tee!....**Kevin Smith, Professional Coach.**

FROM THE PAR TEE CAFÉ

Due to the change in Daylight Saving Time, Café Par Tee's hours are:

Monday	8am-3.30
Tuesday	8am-3.30
Wednesday	8am-3.30
Thursday	8am-10am or later as per arrangement
Friday	8am-until late afternoon
Saturday	8am-until late afternoon
Sunday	8am-until late afternoon

Thanks and hope you are enjoying our catering....**Jeanine van Kradenburg**

WEBSITE VACANCY

The following vacancy is advertised for any member with the appropriate skills who wishes to apply.

WAIKANAÉ GOLF CLUB – WEBSITE ASSISTANT

Use your tech skills to assist the Club moving forward.

We use WordPress for our website and maintain a Facebook page.

If you know and use these, or have managed web content - great!

However the most important thing is that you are very comfortable on a PC (e.g. file/image management, hyperlinking, email) and enjoy learning new skills.

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